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**§ 5.01 Definitions.**

Certain terms used in this part are defined as follows:

- (a) *Act* means the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941, as amended, and recodified by Act of August 4, 1949, as 14 U.S.C. 821 through 832.
- (b) *Auxiliary* means the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary established pursuant to the Act.
- (c) *Commandant* means the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard.
- (d) *Member* means any person who is a member of the Auxiliary.
- (e) *Vessel* means a motorboat or yacht.

(f) *Motorboat* means any documented or numbered vessel propelled by machinery, not more than 65 feet in length measured end to end over the deck excluding sheer.

(g) *Yacht* means either (1) any documented or numbered vessel used exclusively for pleasure, or (2) any sailboat used exclusively for pleasure over 16 feet in length measured from end to end over the deck excluding sheer.

(h) *Radio station* means any equipment (including a building which houses such equipment) the use of which to transmit communications by radio is authorized pursuant to law.

(i) *Aircraft* means any contrivance now known or hereafter invented, used or designed for navigation of or flight in the air.

(j) *Secretary* means the Secretary of Homeland Security when the Coast Guard operates in the Department of Homeland Security or the Secretary of the Navy when the Coast Guard operates as part of the Navy.

(k) *Facility* or *facilities* means a vessel, aircraft, and/or radio station.

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**§ 5.03 Purpose.**

The Auxiliary was created in order to assist the Coast Guard to:

- (a) Promote safety and to effect rescues on and over the high seas and on navigable waters.
- (b) Promote efficiency in the operation of motorboats and yachts.
- (c) Foster a wider knowledge of, and better compliance with, the laws, rules, and regulations governing the operation of motorboats and yachts.
- (d) Facilitate other operations of the Coast Guard.

**§ 5.05 Organization.**

The Auxiliary is a nonmilitary organization administered by the Commandant, under the direction of the Secretary.

**§ 5.07 Administration.**

Any authority vested in the Commandant by this part may be delegated by him to such personnel of the Coast